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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7366

BILL NUMBER: HB 1632

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 10, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Marion Superior Court Magistrates.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bardon

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

- A. It allows a city-county council for a county having a consolidated city to impose a redocketing fee of \$50 on a party to an action brought in the circuit court or superior court in the county if the party initiates proceedings following final judgment.
- B. It requires the fee to be deposited in the state General Fund.
- C. It allows the judges of the superior court to appoint 20 additional full-time magistrates if the city-council imposes the redocketing fee.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Summary of NET State Impact: This bill is estimated to result in new expenditures exceeding new revenues by \$1.65M.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *New Magistrates:* The bill is estimated to result in new annual expenditures of \$2.7 M.

The following table shows estimates of the total compensation (base salary and fringe benefits) of 20 new magistrates during FY 2010. Future salary increases will depend on legislative or administrative actions (see IC 33-38-5-8.1). A magistrate's salary is 80% of the salary of a circuit and superior court judge.

Salaries and Benefits for Magistrates		
<u>Benefits</u>		
Salary	\$100,518	
Life Insurance	\$362	
Indiana Judicial Conference	\$1,000	
Social Security	\$7,690	
Retirement	\$9,549	
Disability Insurance	\$2,292	
Deferred Compensation Match	\$390	
Health, Dental, and Vision (blended rate)	<u>\$12,991</u>	
Total Cost Per Judicial Officer		\$134,792
New Magistrates	x	<u>20</u>
New Expenditures (in Millions)		<u><u>\$2.70</u></u>

Explanation of State Revenues: *New Fee Revenue:* The bill is estimated to result in new fee revenue of \$1.05 M annually based on the number of redocketed cases reported for CY 2008.

Number of Redocketed Cases		Redocketing Fee		New Revenue
21,000	x	\$50	=	\$1,050,000

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Judicial Center.

Local Agencies Affected: Marion County.

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